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SATELLITE SYSTEM USING SATELLITE  
CONSTELLATIONS IN ELLIPTICAL ORBITS INCLINED  
TO THE EQUATORIAL PLANE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please amend the Application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

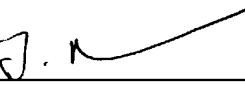
Please delete the paragraph starting on page 4, line 19  
through line 21.

**REMARKS**

A response to Fig. 1B was erroneously included in the application. This reference has been deleted.

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**Marked Up Specification Replacement Paragraph**

[Fig. 1B is a schematic block diagram of a communication system in accordance with another preferred embodiment of the present invention;]